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TWO CENTS.

FORMAL OFFER MADE

Proposition to Sell Panama Canal Properties.

SUBMITTED TO THE AUTHORITIES

Commission's Estimate of \$40,-000,000 Adopted.

THE PRESIDENT INFORMED

A formal proposition to sell the Panama canal properties to the United States government for \$40,000,000 was today submitted to the authorities here. It was made by Mr. Boeu've, representing the company, to Admiral Walker, as chairman of the isthmian canal commission. Mr. Boeufve acted under cable instructions received this morning from the Panama Canal Company officials at Paris. Admiral Walker brought the proposition to the knowledge of the Secretary of State and the President today, going directly to the State Department for that purpose.

A Long-Considered Plan.

The submission of this offer carries out a plan which has been under consideration for the last two weeks. The first step was taken wifen Mr. Hutin retired from the presidency of the Panama Company. This brought about an entire change in the management, the main feature of the change being that those in authority desired to make a definite offer of the Panmeetings at Paris with this end in view, but the one which brought about the final proposition was held yesterday. It has been the intention to make the offer through Mr. Edward Lampre, secretary general of the company, who is due to arrive at New York on the steamer Aquitaine tomorrow. but the meeting appears to have taken a view that the offer should be made with-out waiting for the arrival of Mr. Lampr>. Accordingly the cable instructions to Mr. Boeufve were forwarded here and received by him this morning. He went at once to the office of the isthmian canal commission and there advised Admiral Walker of what had been the determination of the

The Notification. In substance the notification delivered to

Admiral Walker was as follows: "The Panama Canal Company declares itself ready to transfer to the government of the United States, on payment of \$40,-000,000, its properties and concessions, estimated at that amount by the isthmian canal commission, in conformity with the terms and conditions of the estimates of

The submission of the matter to Admiral Walker instead of to the Secretary of State due proprieties in the case, it being considered desirable that the chairman of the canal commission should be the one to communicate the offer to the Secretary of State and the President. Except to submit the proposition in the foregoing term, there was no discussion with Admiral Walker as to what further steps were likely to be taken, except to bring the proposition to the attention of the Secretary of State and the President. But it is understood to be the desire of the Panama canal officials that a supplementary report shall be made by the commission, taking into considera-

tion this latest offer. The President Informed.

Admiral Walker called at the State De partment at noon and communicated to Secretary Hay the offer which Mr. Boeufve had submitted in behalf of the canal com-The matter was soon thereafter brought to the attention of the President. As to the next step, it can be stated that the President will communicate to Congress course will be pursued because the administration holds that the canal question is now purely one for legislative determination, and that as Congress is about to consider the subject it should have possession of all facts that have come to the knowledge of the executive branch.

The offer as made to Admiral Walker and later communicated to the President and Secretary of State makes reference to the estimates of the isthmian commission's report. This feature of the commission's report appears under the caption "Total Value of the Panama Canal," and is as fol-

"Summing up the foregoing items, the total value of the property is found to be: Excavation already done, \$27,474,033: Panama railroad stock at par, \$6,850,000; maps, drawings and records, \$2,000,000. To which add 10 per cent to cover omissions, making the total valuation of the Panama canal

BACACAY TO BE EVACUATED. Decision of Gen. Grant Causes Protest

by Residents. MANILA, January 4.-General Grant recent.y decided that, owing to the lack of suitable quarters for troops at Bacacay, and because the place is apparently peaceful, he would remove the company of soldlers stationed there. The announcement all the business men in Manila, and the American and Spanish business men of Bacacay have sent a joint telegram to General Chaffee, asking protection and declaring that it will be impossible for them to remain there should the troops be with-

The Filipino civil authorities are anxiou that the troops should go, claiming that the native constabulary afford sufficient

DEATH OF JOSEPH COMBS. Veteran of Mexican War and

nent as Attorney. KANSAS CITY, Me., January 4 .- Joseph Combs, aged eighty-two years, once a conspicuous figure in Missouri politics, a veteran of the Mexican war and at one time a law partner of the late Justice Stephen J. Field of the United States Supreme Court. is dead at his home in Kansas City, Kan. In 1840 Mr. Combs was elected to the Missouri legislature. He enlisted as a volunteer in the Mexican war, and later President Polk awarded him the the contract for supplying the United States army with supplies while the war was in progress. He was prominent as a lawyer in California soon after that state was admitted to the

TO AVOID DISASTERS,

Train Dispatchers Agitating for New System of Signals.

CHICAGO, January 4.-Train dispatchers of the country want all possibility of collisions removed by doing away with the present system of train orders, that can be misinterpreted, and signals that may be unseen. Instead of these methods it is proposed to substitute colored electric lights in the engine cab, signals that always can be seen and never can be misunderstood.

Among those who urge a change is A. C. Miller of Aurora, chief dispatcher of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway.

DRAW AT COLUMBUS THE BAN RIGH LANDS AT THE WHITE HOUSE to present Julian Wilcox, a son of General O. B. Wilcox of Michigan. Young Wilcox of Michigan. Young Wilcox and Academy. He suggests that several disastrous wrecks in the last thirty days were due to the alleged misunderstanding of written orders, and insists that written orders never should The Foraker Forces Will Organize Revolutionary Forces Believed to Be Governor Shaw to Take Charge of

The placing of "block" signals along the track at day when the trains often run eighty miles an hour, is held to be unsafe, as they cannot always be read by the engineer when going at such speed.
"Automatic blocks or lights in the engine

Automate blocks of fights in the eighte cab," said Mr. Miller, "mean just two things—when they are clear or white the train should proceed; when they are red the train should stop. There should be no written orders." This system of movable blocks or lights in engine cabs is being installed on the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad, chiefly hrough the efforts of Mr. Miller, who took the initiative in bringing the system to per-

The experiment will be watched with in-

BURGLARS GOT \$2,000.

Private Bank at Bethany, Ill., Robbed This Morning.

BETHANY, Ill., January 4.-Four men broke into the bank of A. R. Scott here early today, blew the safe and secured \$2,000. A large quantity of gold and silver was left, as the robbers were driven off by citizens, who were aroused by the explosion and began shooting. The robbers were at work two hours and fired five charges of nitro-glycerine before the citizens got out.

Steamship Arrival.

At New York: Menominee, from London. Parker-Campbell Nuptials.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 4.-Samuel Parker, formerly premier and minister of foreign affairs of Hawaii, has been married to Mrs. Abigail Campbell of San Jose, widow of the millionaire planter, James Campbell, the engagement of whose daughproperties to this government for ter, Abbie, to Prince Kakananokoa was re-There have been numerous cently announced. The wedding was pri vate, the ceremony being performed at the Occidental Hotel by Superior Judge Hub-bard. The marriage was followed by a din-

> GOING TO JOIN HIS REGIMENT. Col. J. M. Lee Will Relinquish Duties

at Army Headquarters. Col. J. M. Lee, recently promoted to the command of the 30th Infantry, will shortly relinquish his duties at army headquarters as inspector of small arms practice, in order to join his regiment in the Philippines. All the field officers of that regiment are on detached service and the regiment is now in command of Capt. F. A. Wilcox, the senior officer present. In order to remedy this unusual state of affairs, Lieut. Col. Charles B. Hall, 30th Infantry, has been detached from duty at the Military Academy and ordered to proceed to Manila without delay to join his regiment. Colonel Lee's transfer to field duty is entirely voluntary and General Miles has expressed his regret at losing the benefit of his services at Washington. Notwithstanding this he gave his consent to the trans-fer and personally complimented Col. Lee

on his conscious devotion to what he re garded as his proper field of duty. DYNAMOS PUT IN.

Interior Department Building to Be

Electrically Lighted. Within two weeks the three buildings of the Interior Department are to be lighted by electricity generated in an independent ment bullding. Workmen have been en the pension building, and that work is now about completed. The dynamos and engines are being installed in the rooms formerly occupied by the post office museum, on the ground floor of the old Post Office Department building. Mr. E. M. Dawson, the chief clerk of the department is in charge of the work. Local electricians were engaged today in assembling the massive chandelier for the main entrance to the patent office building. It is of brass handsomely decorated, and provides for about 100 incandescent bulbs. The design. conforms admirably with the classic architectural features of the whole structure For the E street building the old antebellum chandelier has been furnish both gas and electric lights.

Naval Orders.

Assistant Surgeon R. C. Holcomb has been detached from the Cavite station and also from the Helena and ordered home on

the Columbia, relieving Assistant Surgeon J. B. Buchanan, who is assigned to the

Assistant Surgeon R. M. Young, from the Constellation to the Asiatic station. Assistant Surgeon A. M. Fauntleroy, from the Naval Academy to the Norfolk Hospital.

Assistant Surgeon P. E. McDonnold, to the Naval Academy. Boatswain A. R. Nickerson, from the Hartford to the Constellation. Beatswain W. H. Johnson, from the Co umbia to the Washington navy yard for examination for retirement, and thence to his home on waiting orders. Lieutenant Commander John C. Fremont. from the Cavite station to duty as inspector of colliers' repairs at Hong Kong. Warrant Machinist Oscar Bragonier, to

temporary duty on the Solace.

First Lieutenant Peter C. Field, assistant surgeon, has been relieved from duty at Fort Slocum, N. Y. and ordered to duty at Fort Robinson, Neb., relieving Contract Surgeon Albert H. Simonton, who is ordered to Birmingham, Ala., for annulment

f contract Major William R. Abercromble, 30th Infantry, has been granted leave of absence for three months. Licutenant Colonel Morris C. Foote, 9th

Infantry, has been assigned temporarily to duty in the department of California. Meals for Army Nurses.

A general order has been issued by Lieu tenant General Miles amending the army regulations so as to provide that nurses shall be provided with meals free of charge on government transports, and that nurses eling under orders shall be allowed reimbursement for necessary expenses not to exceed \$3 per day in addition to transporta-

Admiral Cromwell Sails

Rear Admiral B. J. Cromwell, command ing the European station, leaves New York today on the Furst Bismarck for his post. Admiral Cromwell, it is stated, will leave the European station on his retirement, February 9 next, and will return to the United States by passenger steamer, leaving the senior officer of the squadron in charge until the arrival of Rear Admira nshield to assume control of the affairs of the station some time in March.

The postmaster at Middletown, N. Y., has telegraphed the first assistant postmaster general that the Middletown office was burned out last night. The office is now in temporary quarters in the next block. Mid-

the Senate.

velopment There.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, January 4.-By giving up the senate to Foraker and making all possible combinations in the house, where his forces are concentrated, Senator Hanna seems this morning to have made the legislature organization game a draw. George B. Cox said this morning that the Foraker forces lacked two votes of enough to organize the house. However, Charles L. Kurtz does not yet give it up. It is significant that Jones, one of the Toledo delegates, who declared for the Foraker slate in the house this week, left for home this morning and will not be in the caucus. He said that there was sickness in his family, but the Hanna men say he felt the ground slipping from under him and wanted to get away. Some of the more enthusiastic Hanna men declared this morning that the fight being won by their side in the house, they would now take up the senate situation, and possibly turn defeat into victory there. That is not possible, however. The Foraker slate will have at east thirteen of the twenty-one votes in the senate caucus.

Caucuses This Afternoon.

y Associated Press. COLUMBUS, Ohio, January 4.- The re publican caucuses for the organization of the Ohio legislature will be held at 2 p.m. today. What are termed "factional caucuses" were held during the night and were continued this forenoon. The Foraker senators formed one caucus and the Hanna senators another, and the same lines were drawn in separate caucuses of the represen-

tatives The Hanna men had such a boom during the night trat posted bets on McKinnon for speaker stood untaken. One for \$500 on McKinnon was posted early last night near the Price headquarters, and it still remained there today. The McKinnon quarters were crowded early, but at 9 o'clock the Price headquarters were not opened. The drift was so strong for McKinnon that it carried McElroy for clerk and all the rest of the Hanna slate with it. The turn of affairs in the organization of the house vived in the senate contest, which had at most been abandoned by the Hanna men until the tide turned their way last night. There will now be separate tickets before ne republican senatorial caucus this after noon.

Cox and Dick in Communication. While the contest in the house republican caucus is considered settled in favor of McKinnon for speaker and McElroy for clerk, there is still much agitation over the and George B. Cox, managers of the opposing factions, had not met up to noon, but of Cleveland for clerk, and if Cox should would name Senator Nicholas Longworth of Cincinnati for president pro tem. the fight centered on the speakership in the house, it was thought that the senate re-publican caucus would have only one ticket, and it is claimed that eleven of the twenty republican senators are bound by a written compact to support Archer for president pro tem. and Scobey for clerk. Congressman Dick says that since this compact was made circumstances have so

changed as to not make it binding. No Compromise Possible. Cox replied to Dick that he was so pledged to Archer and Scobey that he could not consider the proposition for a compromise by dividing the places in the senate Dick and others then called another con ference and it was decided to carry the Senate fight into the republican caucus at 2 p.m., with Wirt and Uhl heading the ticket against Archer and Scobev. republican senators met in separate caucuses at 1 p.m. and together for the lox and his associates now state their apponents have everything in the and they want everything in the senate so that one branch will counteract

MARTIAL LAW AT BARCELONA

the other in legislation affecting the re-

and state legislation in which advantages

apportionment of congressional

by either side might be gained.

and Civil Guard. MADRID, January 4.-Martial law will e proclaimed tonight in Barcelona and its vicinity. Already there have been serious listurbances between the strikers and the civil guards and numbers of persons have been wounded and many arrests made. A general strike in all trades has been decreed in support of the striking metal parading the streets and pelting the world shops and factories with stones, necessitating the calling of cavalry to restore order. The tramways have suspended opera-

International Fish Exposition.

The Department of State has been advised of the completion of arrangements for the next annual session of the international congress of fisheries and fish culture at St. Petersburg. The exhibition will open on the 28th instant and the congress will assemble on the 22d proximo, both closing March 8. The congress will discuss questions pertaining to the present position and needs of fisheries and fish industries from scientific, economical, technical, industrial and commercial points of view, and will lso consider measures for the improvement

Gen. Erasmus Captured.

LONDON, January 4.-Lord Kitchener eports to the war office, under date of ohannesburg, January 3, as follows: "Bruce Hamilton, operating to the east ward of Ermelo since December 29, has aptured 100 prisoners, including General Erasmus.'

New Cabinet for Bulgaria. SOFIA, Bulgaria, January 4.-Prince Ferdinand has intrusted Dr. Daneff, minister ing a new cabinet.

Rescued Sailors Landed.

LISBON, January 4.—The Dutch steamer Danae has landed here the crew of twentyseven men of the Italian steamer Scipio,

at Barcelona.

HANNA MEN GET THE HOUSE VENEZUELA IN BAD PREDICAMENT CONFERENCE WITH SECRETARY GAGE

This Seems to Be the Latest De- Government Without Funds to Senator Hanna Has an Interview Purchase War Material.

COL. DICK'S ACTIVITY INSURRECTION GROWING SOME OF TODAY'S CALLERS

WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacoa, January 4, via Haytien cable.-The armed revolutionary steamer Libertador, formerly the British steamer Ban Righ, has, it is beieved here, landed the expedition near Barcelona. Venezuela.

Advices received here from Caracas show that the Venezuelan government is without news of the movements of the Libertador. The vessels composing the Venezuelan fleet are without coal, and besides their engines are out of order, and, therefore, President Castro's samps could not put to sea and search for the Libertador.

About 1,500 partisans of General Riera, Venezuelan revolutionary leader, are awaiting his arrival, near Coro, Venezuela. When Riera arrives it is intended to set the country in a blaze of revolt. Six other bands of insurgents, raised by General Fernandez Mendoz and others, are under arms, but they are avoiding coming into conflict with the government troops until they receive reinforcements and arms and ammunition. The fact that the government's efforts to capture these bands have been without success is looked upon by the revolutionists as proof of the vitality of the revolutionary

The Venezuelan government, according to the advices from Caracas, is without money and is vainly trying to buy war supplies in It is further asserted that the employes

of the government of Venezuela have been without pay for the past six months and that they are only awaiting a favorable op-portunity to take part in the revolt against President Castro.

WILL RECAST PARTY LINES

LIVELY TIMES EXPECTED IN NEXT BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

Radical Changes Likely to Be Made in

Procedure-Buller's Case to Come Up.

LONDON, January 4.-When King Edvard opens parliament January 16, which will be an occasion of even greater pomp and ceremony than was his last appearance in the house of lords, one of the most intergun. Before its conclusion the whole status of the liberal party is likely to be altered and Lord Rosebery's future determined. Present indications point to a split which no middle-road pronouncements can heal, and in which Sir Edward Grey, H. H. Asquith, Sir H. H. Fowler, R. W. Perks, R. B. Haldane and other imperialists, together with a few unionists, will flock to Lord Rosebery's standard and initiate an organization with the hope of securing condiversion of the opposition will greatly facilitate the government's program, the chief item of which is a sweeping reform of

parliamentary procedure.

The hopeless delay and confusion which at present characterize all legislative efforts at Westminster have reached a point where parliament has become ridiculthe eyes of the country. In the drastic recasting of the procedure many methods employed in the United States Congress will either be adopted or given a trial in

Among other important features of the Gen. Buller's dismissal from the command of the first army corps. This, doubtless will once more involve the nation in whirlpool of bitter controversy. Education and finance are two routine

matters which will excite more than usual The chancellor of exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, will doubtless get all the additional war supplies he requires, though them, and this will give Sir Henry Camp a full opportunity for criticising the gov Some sanguine prophets also believe the

war will be sufficiently near its end to enable the government to put before the nation, during the session, detailed plans for the settlement of South Africa. This belief, however, does not appear to be shared by the war office.

MUST PAY TAX.

Internal Revenue Commissioner Sus tained by Attorney General.

Attorney General Knox has given an opinion in which he holds that the certificates of stock amounting to \$25,000,000 proposed to be deposited by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company with the Girard Trust Company, trustee, as security for certain other certificates to be issued by the latter company for the use of the railroad company, is taxable under schedule A of the act of June 13, 1898, and now a part of the act of March 2, 1901. The amount of stamps required will be \$50,000.

This opinion sustains Commissioner Yerkes' holding, not only in this particular case, but also his ruling to the effect that stocks pledged as collateral on time or call loans must be stamped. Operators on the leading stock exchanges of the country have vigorously opposed this view of

Post Office Department Changes Howard Buckler of Baltimore, Md., for merly chief clerk to the third assistant postmaster general, has been appointed chief clerk of the finance division of the Post Office Department. Harwood M. Ba-con of Detroit, Mich., has been appointed chief clerk to succeed Mr. Buckler.

Lieut. Bull Recommended for Retire ment. Lieut. Commander James H. Bull, re

cently in charge of the branch hydro graphic office at Buffalo, has been recom mended for retirement, on account of in juries sustained by falling from the dome of the government building at the Buffalo

Virginia Postmaster Appointed. John R. Woods today was appointed post Cadet Gibbons Resigns.

Secretary Root has accepted the resigna-

Treasury the 25th Instant.

With the President.

Gov. Leslie M. Shaw of Iowa, who will become Secretary of the Treasury before the end of January, took lunch with President Roosevelt today. He was at the White House for a talk with the President last night and called again this morning with Secretary Gage, with whom he had held a conference of an hour or more regarding the time for taking office, the conditions of the treasury and some of the officials of that department.

Gov. Shaw arrived in Washington early last night and went to the Arlington. He was summoned to the White House soon after his arrival and spent an hour with the President. Later Gov. Shaw was visited by friends from his own state and other states. The incoming head of the treasury was also busy this morning receiving numerous friends. After 10 o'clock he went to the treasury and was closeted with Secretary Gage until a full understading had been reached.

One of the main points under considera-tion was when Gov. Shaw should take charge of the treasury. The latter had no expected to take the oath before the middle of February, but he found Secretary Gage ready to go earlier and desirous of doing so. An agreement was reached that Gov. Shaw should be sworn in about the 25th of this month, and this agreement was reported to the President when Secretary Gage and Gov. Shaw visited him after their conference.

Not Prepared to Talk. On going away from the White House

Gov. Shaw said: "I am not prepared to talk on financial subjects. I am not yet giving consideration to changes of any kind in the treasury, and, in fact, that there is little prospect that there will be

Gov. Shaw will return to Iowa Monday. He will be succeeded by Gov.-elect Cum-mins January 16, and will soon after come on to Washington. In the meantime he will secure his bond and make other ar-rangements preparatory to the assumption of his new duties. It is understood among those close to Governor Shaw that he will proceed most carefully along financial lines when he takes

charge, and that he will be exceedingly slow to charge the existing policies. Governor Shaw is said to be a most conservaness world need have no fear that he will do anything to disturb the money situation Gov. Shaw will take dinner tonight with Secretary Gage, and they will go further into treasury conditions. Mr. Taylor to Hold His Place. Assistant Secretary H. A. Taylor of the Treasury Department will retain his position under the incoming Secretary of the

Treasury, Governor Shaw of Iowa. This has been decided upon by President Roosevelt after consultation with influential friends of Mr. Taylor, who has for many years been many years been prominently identified with the politics of Wisconsin. The matter will be submitted to Secretary Shaw, but it is understood that Mr. Taylor's retention

will be agreeable to him. The Case of Col. Nunn.

Representative Brownlow of Tennessee has made trouble for himself by his course in the case of Col. David A. Nunn, whose resignation as collector of internal revenue of the fifth Tennessee district was recently tendered to President Roosevelt after request had been made for it. Announcement was made that the resignation was brought about because of an alleged conflict Colonel Nunn had with the civil service commission over the management of his office, but it now leaks out that this was not the real

reason for Colonel Nunn's retirement to unofficial life. Representative Brownlow, who has be ome the dispensing agent of federal pa-ronage in Tennessee since his faction triumphed over that of H. Clay Evans, wanted Col. Nunn's position, and asked for it. The President has stated that this is the he friends of the latter are now aware of this, and promise trouble for this nev leader of Tennessee republicanism. Col Nunn was led all along to understand tha nto the civil service commission, but Col Nunn was not exactly satisfied nd came to Washington to see for himself. He learned directly from the Pres ident that Representative Brownlow wanted the place. Mr. Brownlow wants to nam lectorship, and will probably succeed in

Representative Gibson of Tennessee saw the President this morning about some Tennessee offices. It is said that there will be John T. Wilder as pension agent at Knox-His record is good and nothing can be said against him.

Senator Burton of Kansas urged upon the President the nomination of T. S. Crum of Oswego as marshal of Kansas to succeed W. E. Sterne, whose four-year term will expire January 15. Mr. Sterne is objectionable to Senator Burton, and it is safe to President has given Senator Burton a free rein in Kansas, and his recommendation

Suggested Civil Service Changes. Gen. R. G. Dyrenforth, commander-inchief of the U. V. U., laid before the Presi dent this morning his request that the position of skilled laborer in the governmen tal departments be withdrawn from the civil service so far as the widows of solows are concerned. This same question are many positions in the class of skilled laborers that could easily be filled by wid-ows and daughters with dependent mothers if they were not required to pass civil service examinations. These examinations

are too severe for many to pass, and Gen

omitted in the cases of widows of soldiers

and daughters of soldiers who support wid-owed mothers. Gen. Dyrenforth will pre-

form, so that he may give it consideration Promotion for Col. Guenther. Senator Scott called on the Presiden with Judge Waddill of Virginia, and the senator urged the President to appoint Col. Francis Guenther as a brigadier general

before the latter retires on the 20th of February. Colonel Guenther is the senior colonel of artillery. He has been in the army service for forty-seven years and has a spiendid record. His battery in the civil war was a historical one. Senator Scott thinks it but fair that Colonel Guenther's long and me itorious service should be re-warded by promotion.

Colonel Guenther and General Teach States Military Academy, to take effect at the end of this month.

Colonel Guenther and General Joseph Wheeler were in the same class in West Point, a half century ago.

Admiral Dewey Going South. Admiral Dewey saw the President to say that he is going to Florida with Mrs. Dewey, whose health demands a change of climate. Admiral and Mrs. Dewey will leave here Monday and will be absent some time. They will go to Palm Beach. Representative Underwood of Alabama had another talk with the President about the renomination of J. W. Hughes as postmaster at Birmingham. It is said that Mr. Hughes will get another term.

Representative Alexander called to make an appointment with the President to receive the delegates to the American Malleable Castings Association, which will meet

able Castings Association, which will meet in this city next week.

Flowers for the Hospitals. The cut flowers which were used in the decorations of the White House last night,

when the great ball in honor of Miss Alice

Roosevelt was given, were sent to various hospitals today by order of Mrs. Roosevelt. There were hundreds of roses, carnations, hyacinths, etc. Senator Hanna's Interview. Senator Hanna had a long interview with the President today, during which the political situation in a number of southern states and elsewhere was fully and freely discussed. As chairman of the republican national committee Senator Hanna is ap-

pealed to from southern states that have

no republican representation in Congress and he feels it his duty to faithfully make good all his promises about seeing the President as to certain cases. Senator Hanna spoke favorably of President Roosevelt's prompt and business-like handling of affairs and said that the President was doing the best in his power for a good administration of governmental af-

Vignettes of the President.

The bureau of engraving and printing has added to its engravings a vignette of Presidenn Roosevelt, and this one will remain aiways as the best representation of the President. After his death this engraving may be used on government securities, but not until then. The collection of vignettes has been printed and a handsomely framed copy of all the Presidents has been sent to the white House for preservation there. President Roosevelt's engraving was made from a selected portrait and after all of his available photographs had been carefully gone over.

Postmaster Parker of New Bedford, Mass., was with President Roosevelt today discussing the post office situation in that city. It seems that Representative Greene has decided not to recommend Parker, and so he is making an appeal over Greene's head on the basis of his generous business indorsement and the evidences of efficiency with which he has conducted the office. The New Bedford man, not finding either of the senators this morning, asked Representative Gillet if he would introduce him to the President. He willingly did so, although refraining from doing more than that out of courtesy to his colleague, Mr. Greene, as was fully explained to the Presi-

ADMIRAL REMEY'S RETURN. Waiting for the Arrival of the Rain-

The Navy Department received a cablegram this morning announcing the departare of Rear Admiral Remey aboard his flagship, the Brooklyn, from Nagasaki, Japan, for Woosung, China. The Brooklyn will start homeward with Admiral Remey soon after the Rainbow, which has been fitting out at the New York yard, arrives out on the Asiatic station. Some surprise was occasioned by the department's selection of the little Rainbow to serve as flagship at Cavite, but it is explained that the narrow and shallow waters of the Philippines make a big ship like the Brooklyn or York undesirable for that service. Therefore the Rainbow will serve as the oating headquarters of either Rear Admirable Rodgers or Rear Admiral Evans. he question as to which of these two officers will have charge of the Philippine squadron having not yet been determined. The Rainbow arrived at Tompkinsville yesterday from the New York yard, and will sail in about a week for Cavite. Rear Admiral Evans sails about the middle of March for

the Philippines. MITIGATION OF PUNISHMENT.

Army Regulations Amended by Gen. Miles. General Miles, commanding the army, has amended the army regulations so as to provide that the power to pardon or mitigate punishment imposed by a court-martial, vested in the authority which confirms the proceedings or the corresponding panions kept him from drowning himself. authority under whose jurisdiction the sentence is being executed, extends only to the unexecuted portions of a sentence. An application for clemency in the case of a general prisoner sentenced to confinement in a penitentiary must be forwarded to the Secretary of War for the action of the President. General Miles says that the power to

TO OBEY REGULATIONS.

Requirement to Be Followed Until It is Repealed.

The adjutant general of the army was Swanson, Dan Larsen, Charles Dawson, eccently asked by Gen. Brooke, command-passengers; E. Alexander, coal hand; A. recently asked by Gen. Brooke, commanding the Department of the East, to reconcile an apparent conflict between the army regulation which requires an enlisted man absent without leave to make good the time lost, and an opinion of the judge advocate general rendered in 1901 to the effect that such a requirement is illegal. The issue affects certain enlisted men in Gen. Brooke's command about to be discharged. In his reply to Gen. Brooke, the adjutant general admits that there is doubt as to the legality of the practice, but as the regula-tion providing for the making good of lost the company time has been repeated several times in the have so farebeen recognized at the White army regulations, it should, he says, be taken as a decision of the department that such requirement is legal, and it sho followed until changed by proper authority

> EMPLOYES GIVEN FURLOUGHS. Scarcity of Funds Reduces Force at

the Navy Yard. Owing to the scarcity of funds, it ha een found necessary to furlough a number of employes, including apprentices, at the Washington gun factory. The drafte already made upon the appropriation for armor and ordnance for the current fiscal year have been so heavy that it will be necessary to ask for a deficiency appropriation of about \$4,000,000. It is said it require that amount of money to pay for all the armor, guns and labor during the remainder of the present fiscal year.

Information has reached here from the Philippines that Capt. George W. Kirkman, 25th Infantry, who was arrested on charger made by local merchants, has been released from custody and will return to the United States. General Chaffee, commanding the Division of the Philippines, did not consider the circumstances upon which the charges were based as justifying his detention in

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TEN KNOWN TO HAVE PERISHED

There Are, Besides These, Thirtysix Unaccounted For.

RESCUED HAD HARD TIME

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.-It is not known yet how many persons perished in the wreck of the steamer Walla Walla, which was run into and sunk by an un known French bark off Cape Mendocino early Thursday morning. The most conservative statement places the number of dead at ten and the missing at thirty-six. Another estimate is that no less than seventy-three persons are yet unaccounted for.

Those believed to be dead are: Mrs. Herman Kotzschmar, wife of Lieut. Kotzschmar; Mrs. M. Reynolds, stewardess; Mrs. H. Erickson and three children, Louis Druby of San Francisco, E. L. Nuttman, purser; William Bertel, fireman; John Wilson, also known as Hans P. Anderson

The following is the most complete list obtainable of the passengers, officers and crew of the wrecked steamer Walla Walla, who are missing. A few of these have been reported as dead, but no bodies have yet een recovered:
Passengers-George L. Field, J. A. Grace,

quartermaster.

A. Kolzsennur and wife, Mrs. Erickson, Charles Neff, Dr. B. F. Allen and wife, Mrs. L. Johnson, L. M. Hanselman, W. B. Moore, M. C. Marsh, H. Erickson and three children, J. Brown, D. Jones, F. Mc-Crimmens, F. G. Spencer, L. M. Paperne, C. H. Smith, L. B. Rube, G. D. Nicholso A. Hansen, C. Lawson.

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Officers and crew—Chief officer, P. Nielson; chief engineer, George H. Crosby; second officer, F. L. Upp; third officer, George Haldoon; fourth officer, Cecli Brown; purser, E. L. Nuttman; stewardess, Mrs. Minna Reynolds, A. Holmes, S. Carlson, Labor Wilson, Labor English, R. Som, Labor Wilson, Labor English, R. Som, Labor Wilson, Labor English, R. Som, Labor Englis sen, John Wilson, John English, R. Som-ers, E. Johnson, R. Nelson, M. Haave, A. Johnson, W. D. Dorland, W. J. Bartel, J. Rooney, G. Gove, G. Gallagher, J. L. Callahan, J. Connell, S. Murillo, Frank Reardon, John Sheil, F. Nausett, F. Rhode, Ed. John Sheil, F. Nausett, F. Rhode, Ed. Reiss, I. Halloway, T. B. Williams, J. O. Johnson, George Morrison

Two Rafts Adrift on the Ocean.

There are still on the ocean, so far as known, two rafts. If either of these has been picked up the number of supposed victims will be materially decreased. Sixtytwo of the passengers and crew were picked up and landed at Eureka by the steamschooner Dispatch; twenty-three survivors drifted ashore near Trinidad, and seventeen others were rescued by the tug Ranger. Captain Hall, who went down with the ves sel, but came to the surface and was save

thinks that some of the missing may yet be heard from. The fact that the bark which caused the disaster did not stand by to aid the Walia Walia indicates to seafaring men that she must have been seriously disabled, if, innot known or is it likely to be determine for some time, as there are several French vessels answering her description now The bark Ernest le Gouve, fifty-five days out from Hobart Adelphes, eighty-one days from Madagascar; the Duquesne, 125 days out from Nantes; the Europe, bound for England with a cargo of wheat, and the Francols Cope, which left Astoria on December 28

for Cork, are mentioned by mariners in this connection. The revenue cutter McCulloch has been dispatched to the scene of the wreck, and is expected, besides searching for and alding the missing survivors, to ascertain all possible facts concerning the vessel which

Of the six life rafts launched by the Walla Walla after the boats had been filled three and a portion of another were found and their occupants rescued by the

schooner Dispatch.

On this little fleet of light craft hard battles for life were fought. One was half the time two feet under water. On another a man went mad. His mania took the form of attempted self-destruction. His com-They cannot tell how, in such a sea, on such a craft, they saved their own lives. Yet they saved them, and the life of the madman, too. On still another raft were twelve persons, and every one was saved.

The man who was driven temporarily in-

sane was Frank Orrego, a fireman. retary of War for the action of the President. General Miles says that the power to commute sentence imposed by military tribunals, not being vested in military commanders, can be exercised only by the President.

The following named persons reached Trinidad in safety after a most perilous trip in one of the boats:

M. C. Morehouse, stationary engineer, Scattle; H. S. Marshall, chief cook of the Walla Walla; W. T. Smith, passenger, of President. The following named persons reached Los Angeles; William Sheehan, fireman, of San Francisco; J. McCallum, San Fran-cisco; William O'Leary, sailor, San Fran-cisco; Charles Brown, third assistant engineer, San Francisco; A. Spear, R. McKee, Fred. McClement, K. Hatzchon, jr., O.

> Johnson, messman; H. H. Weaver, passe ger, was badly hurt and is not expected to One of the survivors, William O'Leary, says that the boat saw the unknown French bark and came within 300 yards

> could not attract the attention of any one on board. SEATTLE, Wash., January 4.- The Pacific Coast Company carried \$250,000 insurance on the Walla Walla, which they ance on the Walla Walla, which they valued at \$350,000. Her transformation from a collier several years ago and sub sequent changes and repairs are said by the company officers to represent an ex-

> penditure of \$200,000, giving her a value to the company of over half a million dollars. FIRE AT OMAHA, NEB.

> Guests at a Nearby Hotel Flee in a Panie. OMAHA, Neb., January 4.-Fire destroyed three large buildings at the corner of 15th and Howard streets early today. The stocks of the Western Electrical Supply Company, the Douglas Printing Company and the Frontier Steam Laundry Company

> are a total loss. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The Karbach Hotel, just across the alley from the printing establishment, was the scene of wild excitement for a short time. Several guests jumped from second story windows and others came down fire es-capes in their night clothing. One man, W. H. Hawkins of Sac City, Iowa, was carried out in a fainting condition and may die. Others received more or less severe

> > TWO DEATHS BY FIRE.

injuries.

BETHANY, Conn., January 4.-Edmund Peck, a retired Methodist clergyman aged eighty, and his daughter, Mary Peck, aged thirty-five years, were burned to death early this morning in a fire which destroyed their handsome homestead on the Bethany turn-

pike. Charles Peck of Waterbury, a of Edmund, was seriously injured i nator Burrows called on the President of public moneys, and especially funds adjump from the second story.

The origin of the fire is a mystery.